

BARTHOLDI'S STATUE PRESENTED.

PARIS, July 4.—The formal presentation of the Bartholdi statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" by the French Government to the United States took place in the Gauthier workshop to-day. Mr. L. P. Morton, United States Minister to France, was present and received the statue in the name of his Government. Prime Minister Ferry sent a letter stating that he regretted that illness prevented him from assisting at a scene of fraternity between two great republics. In heart and soul he would participate. Count de Lesseps made a speech. He said France, under all governments, had always been a friend and ally of America. America now realized that the Panama Canal was a work of universal interest. The statue would forever pledge the bonds of unity between France and the great American people. Mr. Morton, replying, thanked France in the name of President Arthur and the American people for the statue. He said he was charged to assure Count de Lesseps, M. Ferry, and the French nation that the American people responded with all their hearts to the sentiments of friendship. The noble gift which that friendship had dictated would render the gratitude of the American people still more profound and strong. He hoped the statue would remain for all time an emblem of the imperishable sympathies uniting both countries.

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